



The Future of FRA and the State Participation Program

September 2014



Recent Challenges



- Sequestration
- Continuing Resolutions
- Budget Constraints

What can we do?

**Moving from the
survival mode
of the past...**



**to our
promising
future!**



FRA's Three Pillars of the Next Generation of Rail Safety



- I. Continuing a rigorous oversight and inspection program based on strategic use of data**
- II. Advancing proactive approaches for early identification and mitigation of risk**
- III. Capital investments and robust research and development**

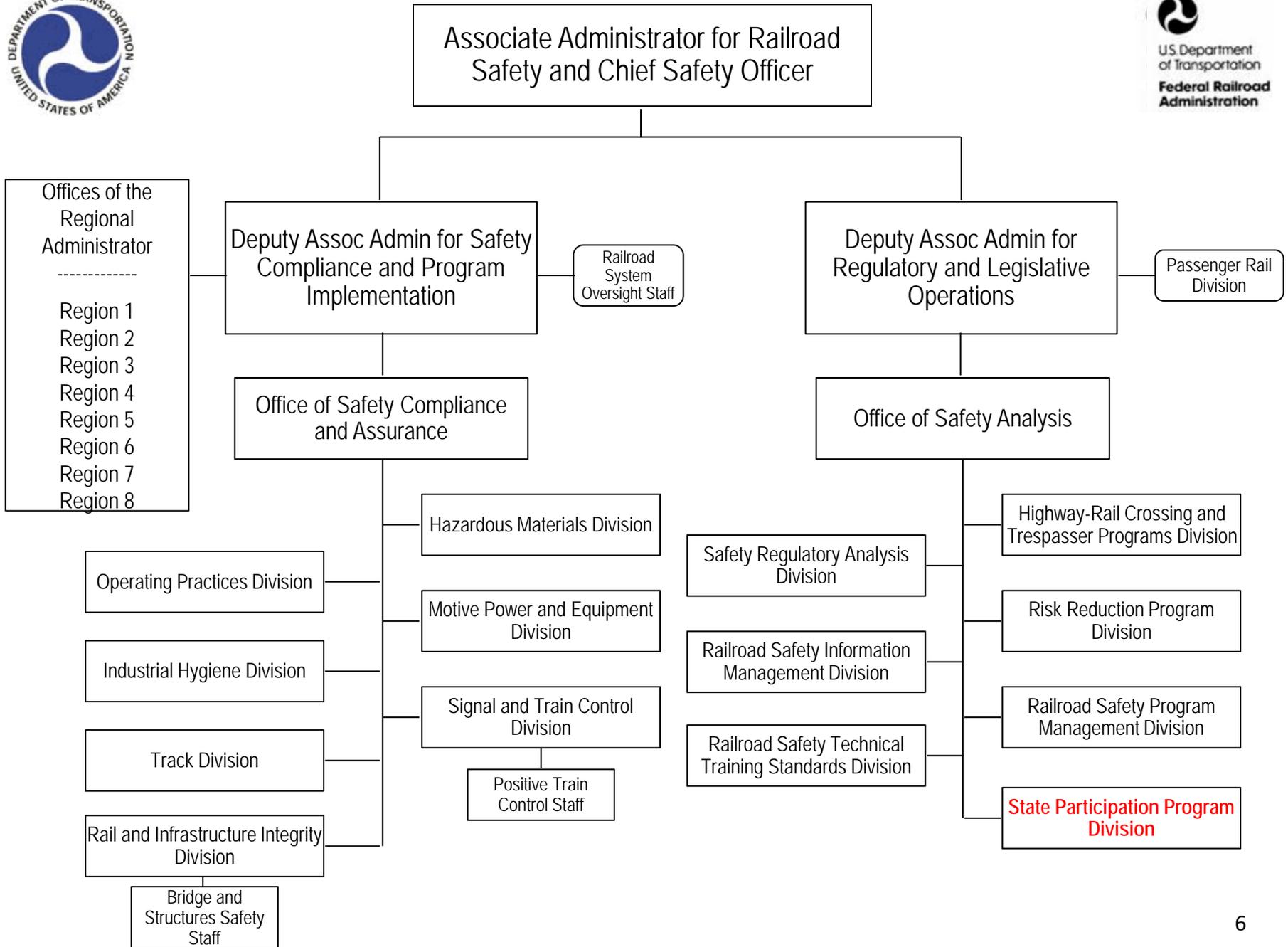


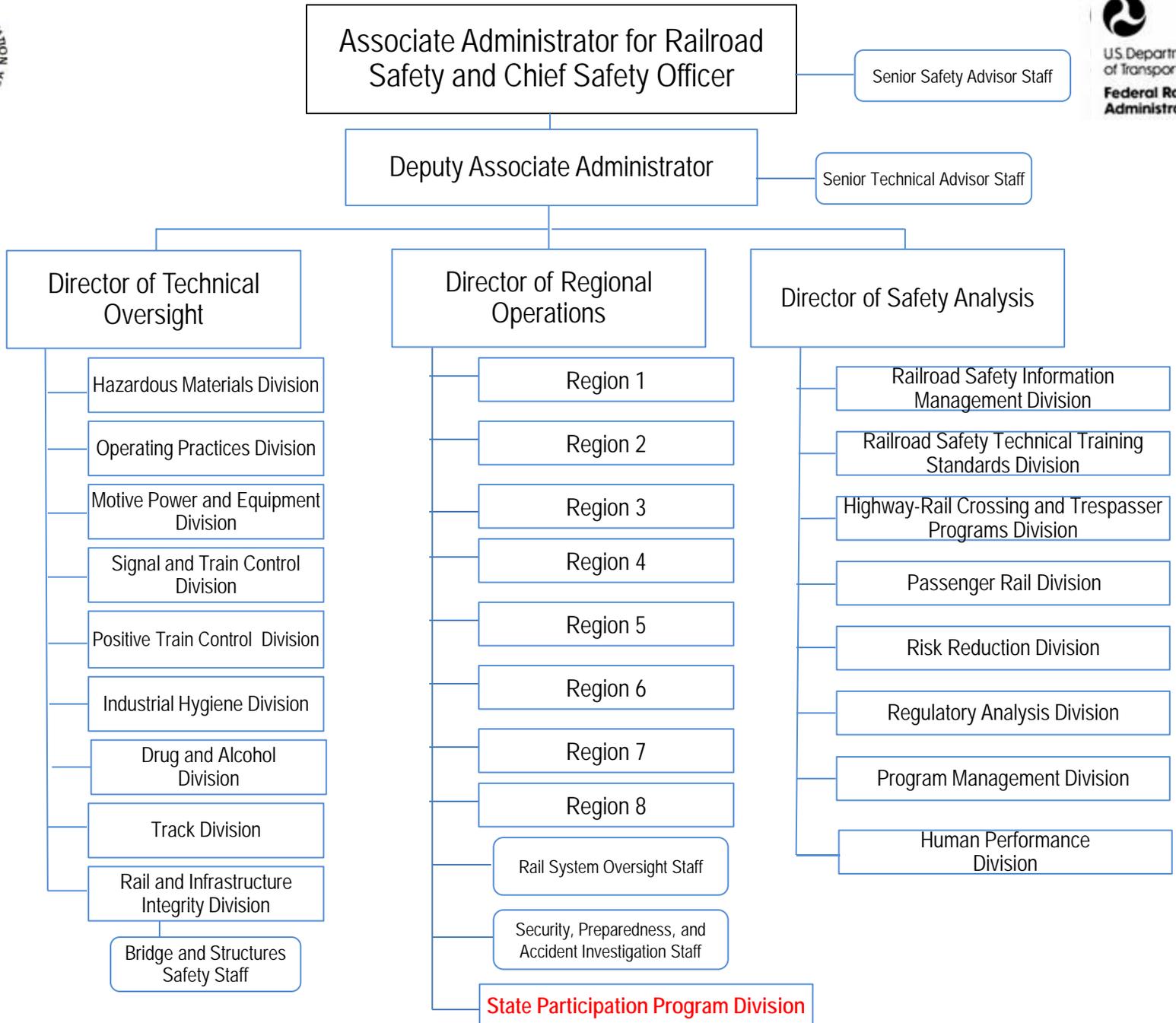
FRA's Office of Railroad Safety Reorganization



Goals

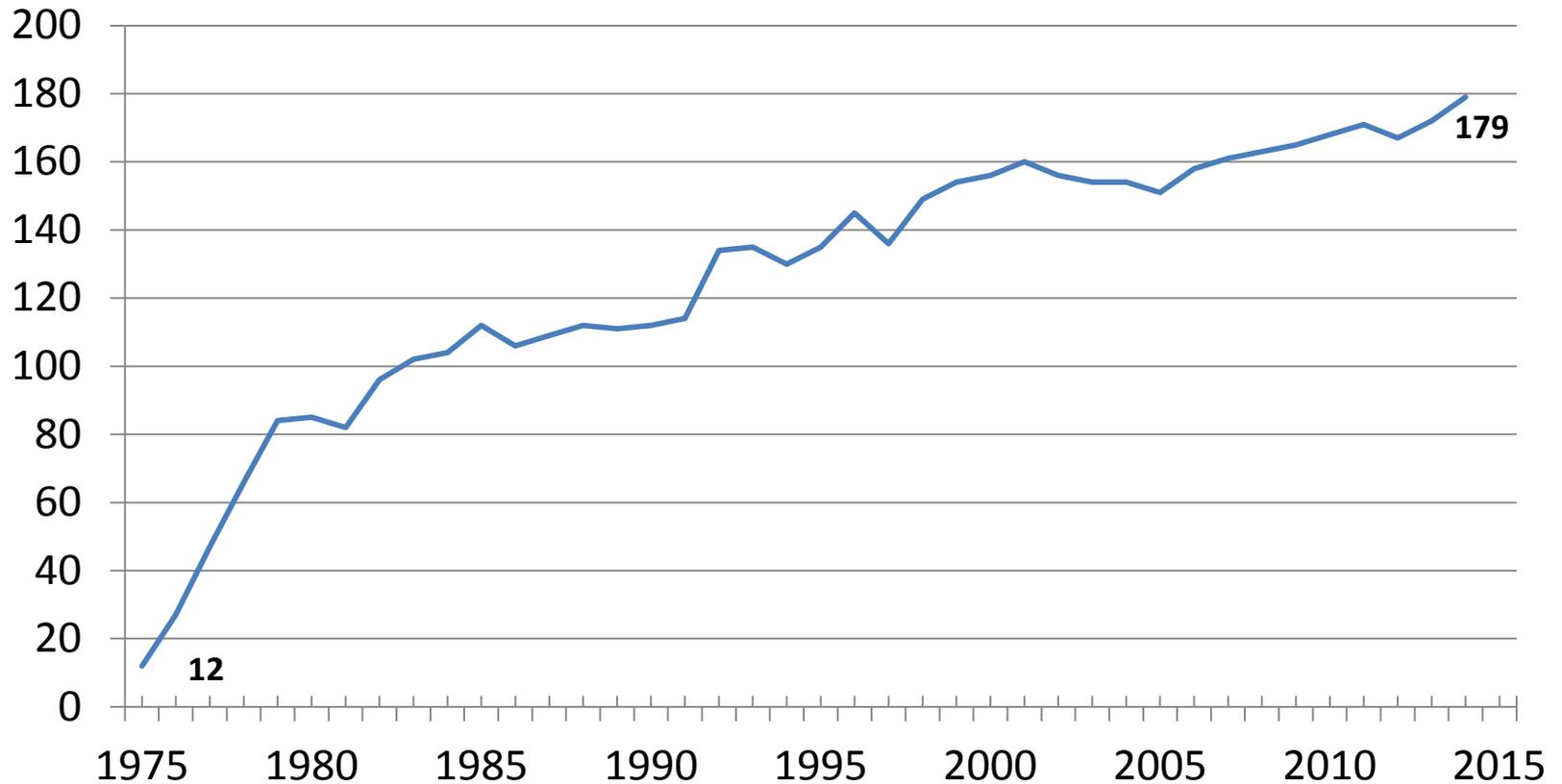
- Organizational efficiency
- Proactively meet emerging challenges
- Focus on the inspectors—this means YOU!







State Program Growth 1975–2014

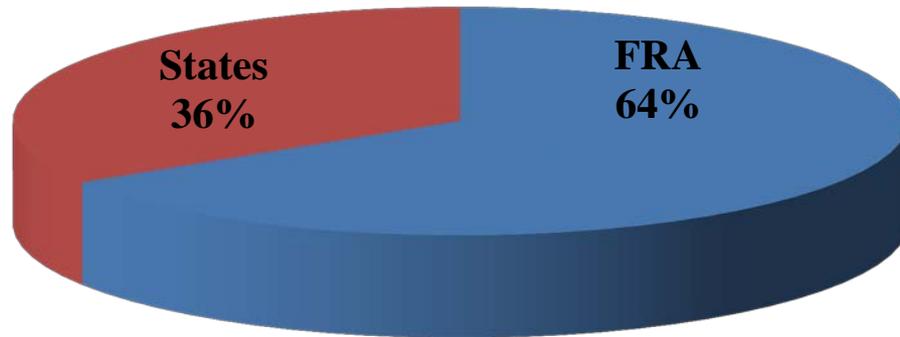




Importance of FRA's State Rail Safety Participation Program



National Inspection Staff
State and FRA Inspectors



Potential Growth Due to Crude Oil Concerns



+ 7 Inspectors (budget request)



+ 2 Inspectors (budget request)



Considering program entry

Program Growth Due to Crude Oil Concerns



+ 7 Inspectors



+ 2 Inspectors



+ 2 Inspectors (budgeted)



FRA's Investment in State Programs



- Laptop computers/air cards
- On-the-job training and inspector certification
- Annual proficiency training
- Regional technical oversight
- Track digital equipment
- ***Next year: State Manager's Executive Committee Meeting***



Questions?